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Applicant(s): Takeuchi et al

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For: OPTICAL ELEMENT AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, with an accompanying Notice of Allowability, was issued in this case on February 3, 2004. Applicants have not paid the issue fee, and have concurrently filed a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. This Amendment is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.